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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: LOCKHEED, MONTREAL OLYMPICS AND VIKING I ON MARS, IN THAT ORDER, MONOPLIZED JAPANESE ATTENTION TO PUBLIC-AFFAIRS EVENTS OF PAST WEEK. OLYMPICS AND VIKING PHOTOS PROVIDED LIGHT DIVERSION FROM HEAVY SHOCK AND AGITATION OCCASIONED BY ARRESTS OF EX-PM TANAKA AND OTHER FIGURES CENTRAL SO FAR TO LOCKHEED SCANDAL INVESTIGATIONS. NEWS MEDIA ARE NOW INUNDATED WITH LOCKHEED CASE AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO ANALYZE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CONSERVATIVE CAMP. SOME COMMENTS BY ACADEMICIANS IN MEDIA SUGGEST JAPAN SHOULD USE THIS EXPERIENCE TO PROMOTE NEW PUBLIC MORALITY AND SAME CAPABILITY FOR POLITICAL PURIFICATION THAT U.S. DEMONSTRATED IN WATERGATE AND IN SENATE HEARINGS ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND MNC BRIBERY.

2. PROGRAM

A. LARRY KRAUSE: SENIOR FELLOW LAWRENCE KRAUSE OF BROOKINGS GAVE EXCELLENT PRESENTATION IN TOKYO (IN CONFERENCE HALL OF ABC BUILDING WHERE NEW TOKYO AC IS TO BE LOCATED) ON "EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AFTER JAMAICA." MIXED 37-MEMBER (34 ARS) AUDIENCE OF SPECIALISTS WERE INTRIGUED BY PRESENTATION AND ENGAGED KRAUSE IN EXTENDED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF COUNTRY PLAN

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OBJECTIVES. PROGRAM WAS SUMMARIZED WELL IN DAILY "MAINICHI"

AND "TOKYO SHIMBUN" -AND GIVEN MORE EXTENDED TREATMENT IN DAILY "SANKEI." (COMBINED READERSHIP OF THREE PAPERS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED 18 MILLION.)

B. ROBERT SOLO: MSU ECONOMICS PROF. ROBERT SOLO APPEARED AT SAPPORO AC WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN ASAHI SHIMBUN EDITORIAL WRITER JUNNOSUKE KISHIDA FOR DISCUSSION OF "TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER" WITH MIXED AUDIENCE OF 25 (20 ARS). ABSENCE OF AC DIRECTOR ON EMERGENCY LEAVE MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SPEAKER'S PRESENTATIONAL ALL BUT RUINING PROGRAM. SOLO READ HIS 75-MINUTE PRESENTATION FROM PAPER LOADED WITH UN-NECESSARILY DIFFICULT TERMINOLOGY THAT STYMIED SIMUL INTERPRETERS. RELATIVELY SIMPLE POINTS HE HAD MADE THEN WERE SUMMARIZED BY MODERATOR KISHIDA IN TEN MINUTES. AS RESULT, Q AND A RAN LESS THAN HALF HOUR. SUBJECT MATTER WAS RIGHT FOR AUDIENCE, NEVERTHELESS.

C. MEDIA PLACEMENT: ON FUJI-TV NETWORK'S 7/25 "VISION FORUM" PROGRAM EXCHANGES OFFICER JOHN MCDONALD APPEARED AS PANEL MEMBER FOR DISCUSSION OF US-JAPAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. 7/27 ISSUE OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "MAINICHI DAILY NEWS" CARRIED FULL TEXT OF HNTINGTON'S ARTICLE "BEYOND ISOLATIONISM" FROM RECENT ISSUE OF /DIALOGUE." ALSO, 7/27 ISSUE OF INDUSTRIAL-NEWS DAILY "NIKKEI SANGYO SHIMBUN" CARRIED POST-FACILIATED INTERVIDW ARTICLE WITH ERDA REPRESENTATIVE HENOCH ON U.S.ENERGY STRATEGY FOR FOSSIL FUELDs, NUCLEAR AND SOLAR ENERGY.

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